

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Dispatches from Moscow quote the Maximalist newspapers of the city as announcing the discovery of a vast counter revolutionary plot. Many Maximalist and socialists have been arrested.

China and Japan have signed the treaty concluded after negotiations lasting several days concerning the military operations to be conducted jointly by these two countries in Siberia. The treaty also contains clauses dealing with other matters, the details of which are not made public.

A Bowling Green dispatch hastens to deny a "report circulated at Hopkinsville" that there are snakes in the strawberry beds of Warren county, the inference being that it was a ruse to keep the laborers from leaving Christian county for Warren. No such report has been circulated here. Christian county has strawberry beds of its own and pickers do not have to leave the county. About the only snakes seen here are in the boots of out-of-town people, some of them from Bowling Green.

Evidence of plotting between German and Irish agents in this country for an uprising in Ireland has been uncovered by alert United States Government agents and is partly responsible for the recent arrest of Irish leaders by the British Government. This evidence, which may be made public soon, is understood to show definitely that Irish leaders, mainly Sinn Fein sympathizers in the United States, have been in touch with German representatives who agreed to furnish money to finance a rebellion in Ireland and possibly to send arms and ammunition to Ireland by submarines or blockade runners. There was even some discussion of the chances of sending German soldiers to take part in warfare on Irish soil.

THE KID HAS GONE TO THE COLORS.

The kid has gone to the colors
And we don't know what to say;
The kid we have loved and cuddled
Stepped out for the flag today.
We thought him a child, a baby,
With never a care at all;
But his country called him man-soldier,
And the kid has heard the call.

He paused to watch the recruiting,
Where, fired by the sife and drum,
He bowed his head to Old Glory
And thought it whispered: "Come!"
The kid, not being a slacker,
Stood forth with patriot-joy
To add his name to the roster—
And God, we're proud of the boy!

The kid has gone to the colors;
It seems but a little while
Since he drilled a schoolboy army
In a truly martial style.
But now he's a man, a soldier,
And we find him listening ear,
For his heart is a heart all loyal,
Unscourged by the curses of fear.

His dad, when he told him, shuddered,
His mother—God bless her!—cried;
Yet, blest with a mother nature,
She wept with a mother pride.
But he whose shoulders straightened
Was grandad—for memory ran
To years when he, too, a youngster,
Was changed by the flag to a man!
— [W. M. Herschell in Michigan Tradesman.

NOW.

If for me you have a flower,
Give it now!
Give it while life's pulse is beating
To the tune of Time fast fleeting.
Give it with a lifetime greeting—
Give it now!

If for me kind word you have,
Say it now!
Say it while my ear can hear it,
While I've memory to review it.
Say it gently—do not fear it—
Say it now!

If for me a visit have you,
Pay it now!
While with joy I gladly meet you,
While mine eyes may fondly greet you,
Before death comes to defeat you—
Pay it now!

If for me some love you cherish,
Show it now!
Show it while my heart doth need it,
In kind actions let me read it,
While my soul is hungry, feed it—
Love me now!
— [Belle Bearden Barry.

RATIFICATION FIGHT IS ON

DEBATES WILL BE HELD ALL OVER STATE PRO AND CON ADOPTION OF FEDERAL AMENDMENT.

(By International News Service.)

Huntsville, Ala., May 22.—The opening gun in the fight for and against the adoption by Alabama of the Federal Constitutional Prohibition amendment will be fired here May 27 in the first of a series of joint debates between representatives of the Anti-Saloon League, supporting the amendment, and anti-prohibition forces opposing the amendment.

The debate here will be between James Weatherly, of Birmingham, representing the Anti-Saloon League and Oscar S. Lewis, representing the forces opposed to the ratification of the amendment. The fight promises to be the hardest ever conducted in the South between the friends and the foes of whiskey.

Alabama is for prohibition. Ever since saloons were relegated from the State the issue has been fought over again and again and in practically every instance the prohibitionists won.

The small success accredited to the anti-prohibition forces may be traced to a belated issue. Never has the question of whiskey or no whiskey come before the people of the State that they did not reject whiskey.

The present campaign has many side issues tending to confuse the voter. None of the candidates on the ticket opposed to the constitutional amendment will openly say they favor the return of saloons to Alabama. Rather, they explain they are as good prohibitionists as anybody, but they believe in the old theory of State rights—that every State has a right to say whether it shall have prohibition or not, and that two-thirds of the States of the Union have no right to say what kind of laws the other third of the States shall live under.

In both the amendment and the anti-amendment camps it is pretty well understood that should the Federal amendment be defeated in Alabama, the next move by the anti-amendmentists will be a straight-out anti-prohibition fight—a campaign waged in the hope of throwing the State open to the liquor traffic.

It is indicated the Anti-Saloon League will be able to command some money from outside the State to carry on the campaign. It is also indicated that the anti-amendmentists will have strong financial backing from Northern liquor interests.

The debates also will be held in Birmingham, Montgomery, Gadsden, Albany, Tuscaloosa, Selma, Mobile, Anniston and other cities between May 27 and the close of the campaign.

REFUSED TO BUY BONDS OR AID RED CROSS; IS TARRED.

Hart Duxbury, a farmer living nine miles north of Spencer, S. D., to-day was tarred and feathered by a crowd of fifty farmers after he had been taken from his farm and brought to the city jail at Spencer, where the coat was applied. Duxbury, it was said, was ordered last Friday night to purchase Liberty bonds or contribute to the Red Cross by Monday night. He refused, it is stated, and shortly after midnight the farmers fulfilled their threat.—Courier-Journal.

BET \$10 ON WHO WILL KILL THE MOST HUNS.

(By International News Service.)
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 22.—To settle a bet of \$10 as to which could kill the most Huns, Alexander Gornacki, 28, and John Gorinski, 23, enlisted in the United States army here. "We have arranged to carry a stick over with us," said Gornacki, "and every time one of us knocks a Hun over a notch on the stick will go to that man's credit. We trust each other. When the war is over and we come back the man with the most notches wins the bet."

FRENCH BUILDING THIRD LINE OF DEFENSE



French far-sightedness and precautions are clearly depicted in this photograph. Despite the fact that they are holding the enemy at bay in the Somme district, they are fully cognizant of the danger should the Hun break the line. Engineers behind the lines are busy building new trenches and making them ready for the third line of defense.

WILL REGISTER ON JUNE 5TH.

YOUNG MEN REACHING 21 SINCE JUNE LAST YEAR TO REPORT.

The Local Board has received complete instructions in regard to the registration on June 5 next under the new draft law recently passed and the President's proclamation.

Last year registrations were held in each of the voting precincts of the county but this time all eligibles will report at either Hopkinsville, Pembroke, LaFayette, or Crofton. The registration will be very similar to the one held a year ago and the procedure will be about the same.

All male persons arriving at the age of 21 between June 5, 1917, and June 5, 1918, the latter date inclusive, will register except those already in some branch of the U. S. Army or Navy service. Both white and colored are included. The registration in Christian county will probably amount to between 200 and 300 young men most of whom will be put in class one.

OKLAHOMA REPUBLICANS ADOPT SUFFRAGE PLANK.

(By International News Service.)
New York, May 22.—The National American Woman Suffrage Association has received word from the Oklahoma branch that the State Republican Convention has just passed a resolution which reads as follows:

"Resolved, the Republican Party in the State of Oklahoma, in convention assembled, reaffirming its faith in the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, favors the extension of suffrage to women as a measure of justice to one-half the adult people of this country."

WILL TAKE CENSUS IN 1920.

A bill authorizing the fourteenth census in 1920 and appropriating \$18,000,000 for same was favorably reported to the House to-day by the Census Committee. It is estimated that upwards of 100,000 persons will be needed for the inquiry, which is to be made as to population, farm products, manufactures, mines and quarries.

The estimated costs are divided by the committee as follows:

Population, \$7,100,000; agriculture, \$6,040,000; manufactures, \$1,945,000; mines and quarries, \$303,000; and administrative expenses, \$2,500,000.—Courier-Journal.

LAWRENCE MOORE DEAD.

Lawrence A. Moore, of Pembroke, died in Nashville Monday, aged 60 years. He had made his home in that city for ten years or more. He was buried at Pembroke.

HUGHES HAS THE OLD PUNCH

WRITES PLAIN LETTER TO COMMITTEE SETTING FORTH WISHES OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, May 22.—In a vigorous letter sent to the Senate Military Affairs Committee today, Chas. E. Hughes made it plain that the aircraft investigation by the department of Justice must not be hampered by a parallel inquiry by the Committee. In taking this stand against the continuance by the Committee of the investigation, it is understood that Mr. Hughes reflects the wishes of President Wilson who has been opposed to the Committee's action.

ROBT. C. KING

MERCHANT AT BENNETTSTOWN DIED YESTERDAY OF PARALYSIS.

Robert C. King, an unmarried merchant at Bennettstown, 44 years of age, was stricken with paralysis yesterday morning. While waiting upon a customer he suddenly fell forward on the counter unconscious. Two physicians were summoned and did all possible for him, but he never regained consciousness and died at 1:30 p. m. He lived with his mother, Mrs. Kate King. Funeral arrangements had not been completed last night.

HOPSON—BOYD.

Mr. Sam Wheeler Hopson, a young man 31 years of age, and Miss Kelley Boyd, age 25, both of Trigg county, secured a marriage license from Clerk Powell yesterday and are to be married to-day. An effort was made last night to obtain further information concerning this couple but no body could be found who was in possession of any information more than was of record in the Clerk's office. Mr. Hopson is a nephew of Mrs. Mary Wall on South Virginia street but she stated last night that she knew nothing of the expected marriage.

SPEAKING AT FRED DEE.

A Red Cross meeting will be held at Pee Dee, Saturday night with speeches by T. C. Underwood, Jas. A. McKenzie and John S. Crenshaw, of Cadiz.

Orders taken for Victrolas and Records.

FISCAL COURT MAKES LEVY

AMOUNT OF TAX FOR ALL PURPOSES EXCEPT SCHOOLS FIXED AT 60 CENTS.

The Fiscal Court completed a two-days session yesterday afternoon by making the county tax levy for all purposes except the county schools, which was deferred till the next regular meeting which will be the first to-day in June.

The levy as made yesterday will be 37 cents on each \$100 of property, which includes the special 10-cent tax voted to take care of the bond issue of 1916. The other 50 cents is divided and prorated as follows:

3 cents on the \$100 for \$50,000 1907 R. R. bonds.
3 cents on the \$100 for \$75,000 1901 turnpike bonds.
1 1/2 cents on the \$100 for \$27,000 1910 turnpike bonds.
4 cents on the \$100 for \$100,000 1907 turnpike bonds.
1/2 cent on the \$100 for tuberculosis sanitarium.
13 cents on the \$100 for general fund.
25 cents on the \$100 for road and bridge fund.

This levy is based upon a property assessment of \$18,000,000 in the county and will produce a tax fund of about \$110,000 when the polls are added. This amount does not include about \$75,000 that will go to the state nor the county's school tax which will amount to 25 or 30 thousand dollars.

NEARLY HALF ALREADY

(By International News Service.)

Washington, May 22.—Total subscriptions to Red Cross second war fund campaign tonight at the end of the third day are \$43,457,616. The response of the American people has been such at the outset of the drive that the Red Cross is looking forward to a generous oversubscription.

AT STUART HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Cunningham, wife of the County Superintendent of Schools, at Cadiz, was operated upon yesterday.

John Holmes, of Mannington, underwent an operation Tuesday night. Other operative patients this week were Mrs. Wilkins, of this city; Mr. Croft, of Crofton, and Mr. Quisenberry, of Cobb, Ky.

All are doing well.

Huns Keep Trying To Raid British Positions On Flanders Front But Every Time Are Thrown Back With Heavy Losses.

CIGAR FACTORY NOT YET LOST

SEC. DALTON AND GEO. E. GARY VISIT HOME OFFICE OF AMERICAN CIGAR COMPANY.

PROPOSITION IS RENEWED

ONLY ONE HUNDRED MORE APPLICATIONS NEEDED FOR CIGAR FACTORY.

The impression seems to have prevailed in certain quarters that because Madisonville secured a Cigar Factory that Hopkinsville lost out. Such is by no means the case. The two places were each offered a factory on certain conditions right at the start.

Madisonville secured her quota of operatives first and got hers. We are to have a bigger plant and will require more signers as operatives. We now lack only one hundred names and these will get within the time allotted us.

This information was brought from New York by Messrs. Gary and Dalton who went direct to the offices of the American Cigar Co., 111 Fifth Avenue.

The Vice-President, Mr. N. Weiss, assured these gentlemen personally that they would get the factory just as at first agreed.

DOCTORS AND NURSES ARE BOMBARDED.

(By International News Service.)

With American Army, May 22.—German flyers continue bombing villages in the rear of the American lines. Several bombs were dropped on a town in which are many American doctors, nurses, and correspondents. Two men and three women, all French, and one infant were killed. Air attack signals are given nightly. Our anti-aircraft batteries pour like sawmills as the German machines operate.

SENATE PASSES NAVAL BILL

(By International News Service.)

Washington, May 22.—The Senate without roll call passed this afternoon the Naval Appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$1,609,326,450 or \$224,500,999 more than the House appropriated. An amendment was "watch" system of control of labor at the naval stations, and refused to abolish the bonus system in the navy yards. The bill now goes to conference.

SEN. JAMES IS BETTER

(By International News Service.)

Washington, May 22.—The condition of Senator Ollie James, of Kentucky, who is in John Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, was today reported improved.

BRITISH REPORT ALL IS QUIET

City of Mannheim, in Germany, Is Given a Reprisal Visit By British Aviators.

(By International News Service.)

London, May 22.—The British official statement issued tonight says: "Early this morning the enemy made a second attempt to raid our positions southwest of Mesnil but was repulsed. Another successful raid in addition to those reported this morning was carried out by us last night in the neighborhood of Hebuterne."

Heavy casualties were inflicted upon the enemy in these encounters. We took a few prisoners. On the remainder of the front there has been nothing to report beyond artillery activity on both sides in different sectors."

The day brought the British new local successes in raids on Flanders and Albert fronts. The German attempt to enter British positions southeast of Mesnil, some seven miles above Albert, was snuffed out in the making by Haig's defense fire. In their raids at Hebuterne, half way between Arras and Albert, southeast of Arras and near Lecon and between Meteren and the Nieppe forest in Flanders. The British inflicted heavy losses on the Germans and brought back numerous prisoners.

Tonight's report from Haig tells of artillery activity by both sides in various sectors.

Infantry Seeks Cover.

Paris, May 22.—German infantry attacks that had been expected to follow today's violent bombardment southeast of Amiens, did not materialize. "There were no infantry actions," says tonight's war office communique. There was reciprocal artillery activity at various points on the front between the Somme and Oise rivers.

Mannheim Bombed.

London, May 22.—Two tons of bombs were dropped by the British flyers on the German town of Mannheim, a big industrial center, tonight's war office report on aviation announces.

BOMBS DROPPED AND MACHINES SHOT DOWN

(By International News Service.)

London, May 22.—Twelve hundred bombs were dropped by the British flyers today in and on the German battle area. In addition, two tons of explosives were dropped on Thionville, twelve heavy bombs on Metz and a dozen on Bray and Bapaume, the war office announced tonight.

Twelve German airplanes were brought down by the British yesterday and three British machines are missing. All the British machines which engaged in the night bombardment raid returned.

NOTICE

The publicity Committee, the Application Committee, and the Building Committee, that had the Cigar Factory in hand, are hereby called to meet at the H. B. M. A. at 4 o'clock this afternoon, to hear the report of the Committee who went to New York to secure a new proposition.
Garner E. Dalton, Sec.